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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, OCTOBER 2, 1974

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

FOLLOWING FROM KING'S PRESS BRIEFING TODAY:

1. NUCLEAR AID TO EGYPT AND ISRAEL -- SISCO TESTIFIED SEPTEMBER 16 BEFORE HFAC SUBCOMMITTEES ON THIS SUBJECT IN OPEN SESSION. TRANSCRIPTS ARE PROPERTY OF HFAC AND MUST BE OBTAINED FROM COMMITTEE. SISCO DID SAY US IS ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES FROM RECIPIENTS THAT FUTURE ASSISTANCE AND MATERIAL FURNISHED BY US AS WELL AS OTHER SUPPLIERS BE UNDER SAFEGUARDS ESTABLISHED BY IAEA.

WE CANNOT PROVIDE ANY DETAILS ON THESE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT AND ISRAEL, BUT WHEN AGREEMENTS ARE REACHED THEY WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE CONGRESS. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST EITHER PARTY HAS CHANGED ITS DESIRE TO OBTAIN THESE MATERIALS.

2. AID TO TURKEY -- WE REGRET THE SENATE VOTE. THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY HAVE EXPLAINED POLITICAL AND LEGAL UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPLICATIONS OF THIS ACTION TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP.

AS PRESIDENT SAID YESTERDAY, THIS AMENDMENT WOULD DESTROY HOPE FOR INITIATIVES US IS OR WILL BE TAKING TO HELP ACHIEVE JUST SETTLEMENT. HOPE CONGRESS WEIGHS IMPACT AND RECONSIDERS ITS ACTION.

3. AID TO CHILE -- BELIEVE THE AMENDMENT TO CUT AID TO CHILE IS UNDESIRABLE AND SHOULD BE REMOVED AS IT MOVES THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL PROCESS. WE NOTE THE GOC HAS TAKEN POSITIVE ACTIONS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA AND WE BELIEVE THIS ATTITUDE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.

4. CUBA -- AS SAID YESTERDAY, SENATORS PELL AND JAVITS REPRESENTED THEMSELVES AND SFRC, NOT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. NO PLANS FOR ANY CONTACT WITH THE CUBAN HEALTH MINISTER HERE FOR PAHO CONFERENCE.

5. SANTO DOMINGO -- NOTHING NEW TO REPORT. DEPARTMENT IS IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR HURWITCH. CONTACT WITH THE GUERRILLAS IS BEING HANDLED BY DOMREP AUTHORITIES.

6. SECRETARY'S TRAVELS -- WE ISSUED THE ITINERARY FOR THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO SOUTH ASIA, EASTERN EUROPE AND ROME.

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